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SUBJ: W/W POSSIBLE PRISONER HUNGER STIKE

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1. REFTELS, WHICH REPORT THE POSSIBILITY OF A HUNGER STRIKE BY AMERICAN PRISONERS THROUGHOUT MEXICO, ARE BEING REPEATED TO ALL CONSULAR POSTS IN MEXICO.

2. HUNGER STRIKE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 7 WAS PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF CONVERSATION DURING CONSULAR VISIT TO SANTA MARTA PENITENTIARY AUGUST 25. CONOFF SPOKE WITH MORE THAN TWENTY PRISONERS DURING VISIT, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM INDICATED THAT THEY INTENDED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EFFORT TO PRESS THE US AND MEXICAN GOVERNMENTS TO REACH SPEEDY AGREEMENT ON THE SO-CALLED PRISONER EXCHANGE. CONOFF WAS TOLD THAT 1732, INC., SOUTHERN-CALIFORNIA-BASED GROUP OF FRIENDS

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AND RELATIVES OF THE PRISONERS, IS DISTRIBUTING PETITIONS

FOR THE PRISONERS TO SIGN. PETITIONS REPORTEDLY WILL REQUEST THAT THE PRISONERS BE ASSIGNED TO PROJECTS FOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT IN LIEU OF COMPLETING THEIR PRISON SENTENCES, UPON RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. PRISONERS ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD STRIVE FOR MAXIMUM MEDIA CONVER- AGE BOTH IN MEXICO AND US.

3. CONOFFS ALSO VISITED NEW RECLUSORIO PREVENTIVO ORIENTE ON AUGUST 25, AND FOUND PRISONERS THERE PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN HUNGER STRIKE.

4. FOR CONSULAR POSTS: ALL POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT, INFO THE EMBASSY, ANY INDICATIONS THEY MAY HAVE OF PARTICIPATION BY AMERICAN PRISONERS IN THE HUNGER STRIKE. GUIDANCE ON DISCUSSING THIS PROBLEM WITH PRISONERS WILL BE PROVIDED SEPTEL.
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